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Selectmen
CLYDE SHALLOW HAZEN GOODRUM
CHARLES WHITE

Tax Collector
DONALD HAYNES

Supervisors
ERNEST PILBRO ANDREW JACKSON
ELERY ADAIR

Trustees of Public Library
THELMA COVELL BARBARA HAYNES
EDWIN FRIZZELL

Librarian
ALDA JACKSON

Auditor
THELMA COVELL

Trustees of Trust Funds
EUGENE JORDAN GLADYS PILBRO
ORVILLE TRASK

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year next ensuing.

2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the three years next ensuing.

3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.

4. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

5. To choose by ballot and major vote one Trustee of Trust Funds for the year ensuing.

6. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Library Trustees for the year ensuing.

7. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required by law.

8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

9. To raise such sums of money as may be nec-

essary for Old Age, Blind, and Disability Assistance for the year ensuing.

10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repair of highways and bridges.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgement seems most conducive to the best interests of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.

12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, at public or private sale the tractor snow-plow now owned by the Town.

13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of constructing a culvert on the Sims Road near the Rupert Sims homestead property.

14. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of $398.55, the State to contribute the sum of $2656.99.

15. To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the Selectmen to use the whole or a part of the surplus of money now in the Town Treasury for the purpose of lowering the Tax Rate for the ensuing year.

16. To see what sum or sums the Town will vote to fix as the price per day for hiring manual labor, equipment and trucks for work on town roads.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $51.55 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10

centr per $1,000 of assessed valuation (1-100th of 1 per cent) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in co-operation with the other 45 towns in the region.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 to the Colebrook and North Country Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and otherwise advertising and publicizing the North Country Area in co-operation with immediately surrounding towns.

19. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said Town. and in the event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

20. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, and to pay such debts out of tax money when the same is received.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

23. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Town Charges for the ensuing year.

24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of

the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of agents, auditors, selectmen anl all other officers, and ratify and confirm the same.

26. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
Given under our hands and reals this 25th day of February, A. D. 1956.

CLYDE SHALLOW
HAZEN GOODRUM
CHARLES H. WHITE

Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

CLYDE SHALLOW
HAZEN GOODRUM
CHARLES H. WHITE

Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

Budget

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Prev. Yr. 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensu. Yr. 1956
From State:		
Railroad Tax	175.48	175.48
Savings Bank Tax	68.36	68.36
Reimbursement a c Exemption Growing Wood and Timber	4560.63	4560.63
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	86.40	86.40
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1668.78	1668.78
Cash Surplus	3822.05	1620.66
Poll Taxes	342.00	342.00
	$10723.70	$8522.31
Amount to be Raised by Property Tax		21237.33
Total Revenues		$29759.64

Purpose of Expenditures	Actual Expend. 1955	Estimated Expend. 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	895.00	1500.00
Town Offiicers' Expenses	1267.22	1000.00
Expenses of Town Hall	81.32	
Fire Department	440.03	1000.00
Insurance	307.20	
Lights, Town Garage	24.00	
Vital Statistics	12.00	
Town Maintenance, Summer	3039.13	3000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	4333.02	4500.00
Cutting Bushes	144.00	300.00
T. R. A.	398.62	398.55
Town Poor	700.11	1000.00
Old Age Assistance	468.12	800.00
Cemeteries	220.85	200.00

Library		25.00
White Mt. Region. Chamber of Commerce	76.46	51.55
County Tax	1577.71	1577.71
School Tax	19382.77	14406.83
	$33367.56	$29759.64

Taxes Assessed

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1000.00
Fire Department	1000.00
Class V Roads	398.62
Summer Roads	3000.00
Winter Roads	4500.00
Cutting Bushes	300.00
Library	100.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Town Poor	1000.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Advertising and Regional Assns.	76.46
County Tax	1577.71
School Tax	14406.83
	29859.62
Less Estimated Revenues:	
Railroad Tax	160.09
Savings Bank Tax	60.75
Reimbursement a-c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	5094.42
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1500.00
Dog Licenses	102.00
Cash Surplus	3822.05
Total Revenues	10739.31
Taxes Assessed	29859.62
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits	10739.31
	19120.31

Plus Overlay	313.42
	19433.73
Less Poll Taxes	372.00
Amount to be raised by Property Tax	19061.73
Tax Rate—$3.76	

Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash:	
In Hands of Treasurer	$16267.49
Unredeemed Taxes (from Tax Sales on Account of)	
Levy of 1955	265.56
Levy of 1954	255.90
Levy of 1953	152.53
Previous Years	1172.62
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1955	703.10
Levy of 1954	141.19
Levy of 1953	35.93
Previous Years	130.89
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955	115.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	65.00
Total Assets	$19305.21

LIABILITIES

Due to School District:	
Appropriation	14406.83
Due to State: State Head Taxes	240.00
Total Liabilities	14646.83

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	4658.38
	19305.21
Net Surplus—December 31, 1954	5828.11
Net Surplus—December 31, 1955	4658.38
Decrease of Surplus	$1169.73

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	$ 358920.00
Electric Plants	62542.00
25 Horses	2625.00
692 Cows	81065.00
130 Neat Stock	10275.00
30 Goats	230.00
7 Hogs	140.00
50 Fowls	75.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	6899.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	700.00
Stock in Trade	1200.00
Mill and Machinery	2000.00
Total Valuation	526671.00
Less Soldiers Exemptions	19710.00
Total Valuation Less Exemptions	$506961.00

SCHEDULE TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$ 5000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library: Furniture and Equipment	1000.00
Highway Dept., Land and Buildings	2500.00
Equipment	7000.00
Schools, land and buildings	24000.00
Equipment	4000.00
Total	44000.00

Selectmen's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1955	$23359.82
State Treasurer, Bounties, 1954	69.00
State Treasurer, Tax on gasoline	88.25
State Treasurer, Refund on timber tax	4560.63
Railroad Tax, 1955	175.48
Savings Bank Tax, 1955	68.36
Harry Lang, Dog Licenses	86.40
Harry Lang, Auto Permits	1668.78
Colebrook National Bank, note	6000.00
Donald H. Haynes, taxes	20505.42
Schools Share of Town Report	98.00
Refund on Insurance	9.31
Ins. and Social Security, M. Melovich	211.46
State Treasurer, refund on fire	7.62
State Treasurer, Bounties, 1955	18.50
Total Receipts	$56927.03

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	895.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1267.22
Expenses of Town Hall	81.32
Insurance	307.20
Fire Department	440.03
Bounties	18.50
Vital Statistics	12.00
Summer Roads	3039.13
Winter Roads	4333.02
Cutting Bushes	144.00
Lights, Town Garage	24.00
Old Age Asistance	468.12
Town Poor	700.11
White Mt. Region and Chamber of Commerce	76.46
Cemeteries	220.85

Taxes bought by Town	265.56
Interest on Note	50.00
T. R. A.	398.62
Temporary Loan	6000.00
State Head Taxes	957.92
County Tax	1577.71
School Tax	19382.77
Total Payments	$40659.54

Detailed Report of Expenses:

Town Officers' Salaries:	
Clyde Shallow, Selectman	150.00
Hazen Goodrum, Selectman	150.00
Charles White, Selectman	150.00
Harry Lang, Town Clerk, Treasurer Dog Constable	250.00
Donald H. Haynes, Tax Collector	135.00
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor	20.00
Andrew Jackson, Supervisor	20.00
Elery Adair, Supervisor	20.00
	$895.00

Town Officers' Expenses:	
Frederick J. Harrigan, legal advise	3.00
Sentinel Pub. Co., notices	2.70
Clyde Shallow, State Head Taxes	23.12
Charles White, State Head Taxes	23.12
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., vouchers	12.51
Thelma Covell, Auditor	6.00
N. H. Elec. Corp., light bulbs	5.37
Sentinel Pub. Co., Town Reports	254.80
Alda Jackson, librarian	18.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, dog tags	5.52
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, guide book	14.00
Treasury State of N. H., Harry Lang, Justice of Peace	10.00
Elsie M. Annis, bonds	73.50
Charles White, envelopes and stamps	7.50
Sentinel Pub. Co., envelopes	7.50
Warren A Bartlett, Transfer cards	8.38
Milton Adair, scaling and transportation	30.00

Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., invoice blanks	9.89
Frederick J. Harrigan, Re-warrant & advice	20.00
Dean L. Garrison, editor, guide service, '55	7.50
Sentinel Pub. Co., Selectmen's notice	2.00
Coos County, Probate Court, appointing Adm. Matt Melovich	8.50
Ida M. Horner, Sec. tax coll. dues	3.00
Frederick Harrigan, legal advise	5.00
Alda Jackson, librarian and janitor	18.00
Harry Lang, envelopes	6.00
Edmond E. Owen, extra milage	26.64
Sherwood Carbee, extra milage	27.72
Sentinel Pub. Co., tax bills	18.50
N. H. Town Clerk's Assn., dues	2.00
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., Tax & Cash books	11.73
Alda Jackson, librarian and janitor	82.50
Clyde Shallow, expenses and work on yield tax	50.00
Hazen Goodrum, expenses and work on yield tax	50.00
Charles White, expenses and work on yield tax	50.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Reports of Coll. to Treas.	2.73
Beatrice C. White, clerical work	125.00
Clyde Shallow	8.75
Charles White, trip to Concord, postage, 2 cds. wood	47.75
Lew Wallace, work on honor roll	6.39
Harry Lang, auto permits, vital statistics	108.00
Donald H. Haynes, exp., State Head tax	60.60
Sentinel Pub. Co., notices	4.00
	$1267.22

Town Hall Expenses:

Lights and Wood	81.32

Insurance:

Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co., Insurance On Defense Building	4.68
Edwin Frizzell, Agent Insurance on Town Garage	35.10
Frank E. Marshall, Insurance	

on Town Truck	155.64
Edwin Frizzell, Agent Insurance on Town Garage	111.78
Total	$307.20
Fire Department:	
Fighting Fire at Marion Sweatt's	28.82
Raymon Savage, fire at Marion Sweatt's	42.50
Forest Fire, East Columbia	14.00
Fire at Earl Tilton barn	10.71
Colebrook Fire Dept.:	
Jan. 25, Fire, Alice Gee	93.50
Apr. 25, Fire, Wesley Hartwell	59.50
Apr. 29, Marion Sweatt, gas and wood fire	61.00
July 16, Earl Tilton, barn and wood fire	130.00
Total Fires	$440.03
Bounties:	
37 porcupines	18.50
Vital Statistics	12.00
Old Age Assistance:	
For:	
Etta Banfill	
Persis Hall	
Francis Jacques	
Ivan Nason	
Town's one-fourth—Total	$468.12
Town Poor:	
Board and Care of Spenser Jewett	123.50
Burial, Matt Melovich	145.00
Hospital and care, Matt Melovich	260.30
Clothing, A. Bennett family	24.98
Groceries, A. Bennett family	148.21
Groceries, J. Reardon	27.12
Dr. Norris, Services	11.00
Total Town Poor	700.11

White Mt. Region	51.46
Chamber of Commerce	25.00
	76.46
Cemeteries:	
Mowing and Care of	$220.85
Taxes bought by town:	$265.56
Temporary Loan and Interest	$6050.00
Schools:	
Beatrice C. White, Treas.	19382.77
County Tax:	
J. Arthur Sullivan, Treas.	1577.71

SUMMER ROADS

Irvin Blodgett, labor	134.90
Jesse Cass, grading	556.33
Lynwood Phillips, labor	21.00
Arthur Sweatt. hauling gravel	25.00
Joe Daley, bulldozing	156.00
G. B. Currier, Co., 5 tons chloride	180.30
Charles White, labor, hauling gravel	359.10
Lynn Parkhurst & Sons, 1344 ft. Hemlock	94.00
Wilfred Rainville, bulldozing	178.00
Clyde B. Gray, hauling gravel, bulldozing	776.90
Wesley Kelsea, hauling gravel	99.00
Lynn Smith, labor	7.00
Earl Cass, work on culvert with tractor	5.00
Percy Congdon, truck, hauling gravel	69.30
Earl Lyons, truck, hauling gravel	69.30
Rosco Howland, truck, hauling gravel	3.90
Perley Howe, truck, hauling gravel	7.80
Clyde Shallow, tractor, hauling rocks	77.00
Glen Grover, driving truck	21.00
Kenneth Gardner, truck, hauling gravel	48.30
Clement Gleason, gravel	150.00
Total	$3039.13

WINTER ROADS

Verne Reynolds, plowing snow, sanding	882.30
State of N. H., plowing, sanding	106.91
Clyde Shallow, plowing, sanding	808.29
Lynwood Phillips, helper on plow	475.00
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline, oil	626.92
H. N. Marsh, repairs on truck, plow	761.94
Arthur Sweatt, plowing	25.00
Jondro's Welding Service	14.00
Wesley Kelsea, gasoline	21.75
Nelson and Woodard, cross chains and wind shield wiper	50.10
Edwin Frizzell, sanding	11.20
Leland Ellingwood, shoveling snow	8.00
Phil's Repair Service, putting on snow plow	33.09
Cassellini Venerable Corp., cable	24.31
Joe Daley, bulldozing snow	346.50
Harry Becker, labor, taking down snow fence	3.00
Leon Gadwah, helper on plow	127.00
Robert Spitzner, anti-freeze, dry gas	7.71
Total	$4333.02

CUTTING BUSHES

Earl Cass	144.00

Tax Collector's Report

Levy of 1955:

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	19079.73
Poll Taxes	354.00
Total Warrant	19433.73
Yield Taxes	674.44
Added Taxes:	
Poll Taxes	14.00
Total Debits	20122.17

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Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	19033.57
Poll Taxes	338.00
Yield Taxes	25.00
Abatements	21.95
Uncollected Taxes, as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	24.21
Poll Taxes	30.00
Yield Taxes	648.89
Total Credits	20122.17

PROPERTY, POLL, YEILD TAXES

Levy of 1954:

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes—As of Jan. 1, 1955:	
Property Taxes	18.62
Poll Taxes	34.00
Added Poll	2.00
Yield Taxes	181.17
Total Debits	$235.79

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year. Ended December 31, 1955	
Poll Taxes	18.00
Yield Taxes	74.60
Abatements made during year	2.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	18.62
Poll Taxes	16.00
Yield Taxes	106.57
Total Credits	$235.79

PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1953:

Uncollected Taxes—As of Jan. 1, 1955:	
Property Taxes	85.75
Poll Taxes	4.00
Total Debits	89.75

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955:	
Abatements Made During Year	53.82
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	31.93
Poll Taxes	4.00
Total Credits	89.75

PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1952:

Uncollected Taxes per Collector's List, As of January 1, 1956:	
Poll Taxes	2.00
Yield Taxes	56.67
	58.67

Levy of 1951:

Uncollected Taxes per Collector's List, As of January 1, 1956:	
Poll Taxes	2.00

Levy of 1950:

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List, As of January 1, 1956:	
Property Taxes	3.57

Yield Taxes	66.65
Total Uncollected	70.22

State Head Tax:
Levy of 1955

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Original Warrant	1015.00
Added Taxes	20.00
Penalties Collected	11.00
Total Debits	1046.00

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Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	885.00
Penalties	11.00
Abatements	35.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	115.00
Total Credits	1046.00
Levy of 1954:	
Uncollected Taxes, As of January 1, 1955	119.00
Penalties Collected During 1955	6.50
Total Debits	125.50
Remittances to Treasurer During 1955:	
Head Taxes	64.00
Penalties	6.50
Abatements	10.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	45.00
Total Credits	125.50
Levy of 1953:	
Uncollected Head Taxes, per Collector's List	10.00
Levy of 1952:	
Uncollected Head Taxes, per Collector's List	10.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1955

Dr.

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of—			
	1955	1954	1953	Previous Years
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	265.56			
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes, January 1		255.90	152.53	1166.20
Interest Collected After Sale				6.42
Total Debits	265.56	255.90	152.53	1172.62
Remittance to Treasurer During Year				49.20
Unredeemed Taxes at Close of year	265.56	255.90	152.53	1123.42
Total Credits	265.56	255.90	152.53	1172.62

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

1955	1954	1953	Previous Years
Crete, France			60.31
Lafond, John			37.39
Brochu, Armand	30.05	44.54	100.84
Pinard, Maurice	31.93	47.45	48.58 166.72
Goodrum, Ernest			19.03
Adair, Milton & Elery			12.17
Adair, Milton & Elery			19.99
Chapple, Francis			78.73
Edwards, K. D.			586.71
Lavneture, Ro.	26.29	38.72	41.53
Kelsea, O. G.	48.09	52.69	48.49
Kelsea, O. G.	25.88	56.48	55.46
Clark, Valeria	11.63	16.02	
Gadwah, Howard	30.01		
Ellingwood, L.	46.67		
Dupuis, Wilfred	15.01		
	265.56	255.90	152.53 1123.42

DONALD H. HAYNES
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

During the year I have recorded 14 births, 4 deaths and two marriages.

Licenses have been paid to me on 47 dogs amounting to $94.00

Less Clerk fees 9.40

$84.60

These sums I have turned over to the Treasurer.

I have issued 4 auto permits for 1954 amounting to 1.30

228 auto permits for 1955 amounting to 1653.10

$1654.40

These sums have been paid to Treasurer.

HARRY LANG
Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, January 1, 1965	23359.82
Received from all sources	33567.21
Total Receipts to date	56927.03
Less Selectmen's Orders	40659.54
Cash on hand, January 1, 1956	$16267.49

HARRY LANG
Treasurer

Library Report

LIBRARY REPORT

Balance on hand, January 1, 1955	16.80
Deposits	25.00
	41.80

Books purchased	21.40
Cash on hand, December 31, 1955	20.40
	41.80

THELMA G. COVELL
BARBARA HAYNES
EDWIN FRIZZELL
Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Cash on hand, January 1, 1955	none
Received from dues	1.00
Paid for supplies	1.00
Cash on hand, December 31, 1955	none

Number of books let out 268
Magazines 28

ALDA JACKSON
Librarian

Trust Funds

December 31, 1955

Mary A. Walker Fund, April 3, 1946	400.00
Balance beginning year, 1955	447.39
Income during year	11.30
Expended during year	6.00
Balance, end of year	452.69

Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank

Henry Forestall Fund, Sept. 3, 1946	200.00
Balance beginning year 1955	215.74
Income during year	5.44
Expended during year	4.00
Balance end of year	217.18

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank

Mrs Warren Marshall Fund, Aug. 29, 1935	75.00
Balance beginning of year 1955	77.64
Income during year	1.95
Expended during year	2.00
Balance, end of year	77.59

Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank

Ellen Cleveland Fund, March 27, 1933	100.00
Balance beginning of year	125.52
Income during year	3.19
Expended during year	6.00
Balance end of year	122.71

Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank

EUGENE JORDAN
GLADYS PILBRO
ORVILLE TRASK
Trustees

Columbia Ladies Aid Society Trust Fund:

To be used for repairs, maintenance and improvements, including principal or any part of it. To be expended by Selectmen.

Beginning year 1955	140.36	
Interest	3.88	
Balance, December 31, 1955		144.24

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I do hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Selectmen, and the Town Clerk and to the best of my ability find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

THELMA G. COVELL
Auditor

School Report

March 1, 1956

Moderator
HARRY F. LANG

Clerk
ANNIE S. FRIZZELL

Treasurer
BEATRICE C. WHITE

Auditors
HARRY F. LANG MILTON E. ADAIR

School Board

THELMA G. COVELL	TERM EXPIRES 1956
HARRIETTE C. LANG	TERM EXPIRES 1957
EDWIN C. FRIZZELL	TERM EXPIRES 1958

Superintendent of Schools
ERNEST B. DANA

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March, 1956, at 9:00

o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agents of the district
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with such other income; the school board to certify to the selectment the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 7th day of February, 1956.

Signed: THELMA G. COVELL
HARRIETTE C. LANG
EDWIN C. FRIZZELL

School Board

Superintendent's Report

To the School Board and the Citizens of the School District of Columbia.

Introduction

A year ago at this time the attention of many of us was focused upon the developments taking place in the General Court which had to do with education. On the one side was the possible passage of several proposed measures which was going to affect quite markedly the administration of our schools as well as substantially increase the cost of their operation. On the other side was the possible relief, to some extent, of the tax burden on the property owner through increasing by some means the financial support to the local school districts from the State level.

With the legislative session now over, an examination of the action taken by our lawmakers reveals that education fared surprisingly well. Such provisions as increasing the borrowing capacity to finance urgently needed building programs to provide for larger enrollments, and for help from the State in the retirement of the bonds issued for this purpose, will be of great assistance in meeting mounting constructional costs. And the increase in the amount of funds made available from the State level for general aid to the local districts, also, together with the greatly improved formula used in determining their distribution, is going to help very materially in maintaining high educational standards.

Teachers

With the shortage of teachers becoming more acute yearly, we are indeed fortunate to have veteran teachers in all positions. Mrs Florence B. Hughes teaches at the Church School, Grades 1-4; Mrs Myra A. Holbrook teaches at the Grand Division School, Grades 5-8; and Mrs Mary E. Gray teaches at the Cone School Grades 1-4.

School Nurse—Health

With the additional services being rendered each suc-

cessive year to help pupils more efficiently maintain that state of good health so essential to a happy and successful overall school life, the magnitude and importance of the work done by our school nurse, Mrs. Ethel S. Sturgis, becomes more and more apparent. As is known, polio immunizations have been given to the primary grades and are now available to all children, ages 1-15 inclusive, as well as for pregnant mothers at school clinics. Arrangements have been made, also, to give a complete physical examination to every pupil every four years in addition to the one now received at the pre-school clinic.

With the fine response received from parents and pupils to the advantages of the dental clinic conducted over a period of many years at Dr. Dickson's, it is regrettable that due to the increased cost with the change in offices it seemed best to discontinue this important work. It is hoped very much that something may be worked out whereby this valuable service may be resumed.

Buildings and Equipment

Thanks to the recent major improvements made at the Cone and Church School Buildings, and the continued policy of providing facilities conducive to the efficient operation of the school, relatively little repair and maintenance work has been necessary during the past year. Of note, was the installation of the new swing units at the latter school, which aid very materially in conducting playground activities.

As is generally known, in accordance with the action taken at the last annual district meeting, the Union School Property has been sold. The sale of the Valley School Building, however, has not been made, as no information has been received as yet from the State Highway Department as to just where the new road will be constructed in that vicinity and when the work will be done.

Enrollment and Attendance

The enrollment in the schools within the district continues to decrease. At the present time it is only 49 as compared to that of 66, 73, 77, 81 and 88 for the previous five successive years. As is known, the closing of schools and the sending of the pupils who were

formerly enrolled in them to schools outside the district explain, for the most part, the marked drop in the number of pupils enrolled over this period of time. The average percentage of attendance for the past year was 94.30 and the average number of tardinesses per pupil was .13. A breakdown of these data for the respective schools may be found in a tabulation printed on subsequent pages in this report.

In contrast to the steady decrease in the number of pupils enrolled in the schools in the district, the number of pupils enrolled outside continues to increase. At the time of this writing 30 high and 25 elementary tuition pupils are attending these outside schools in contrast to 26 and 23 last year and 20 and 11 the previous year at these respective levels. Of the present number 29 are enrolled at Colebrook Academy, 23 at Colebrook Elementary School, 1 at Stratford High School and 2 at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center.

Notes on the Budget

The School Board's Budget for 1956-57 is $29471.00 as compared to $29165.00 for the current school year. This amount is reduced by an estimated income of $10000.00 which leaves a balance of $19471.00 to be raised by taxes by the town. This last amount in turn as was true for the present year, is appreciably less than it has been in past years, thanks to the marked increase in the amount received from the State under the new formula. For the most part the slight increase in the budget is explained by provision for an increase in salaries.

Conclusion

May I again express my deep appreciation to the members of the school board, parents, teachers, and citizens for all the help and cooperation received in our work together to provide good schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST B. DANA,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts 1954-55

State Aid	5530.06
Current Appropriation	24382.77
Other Sources	41.31
Total Net Receipts from all sources	29954.14
Cash on hand at beginning of year July 1, 1954	912.85
Grand Total Receipts	30866.99

Payments 1954-55

	Budget 1954-55	Total Spent	Balance June 30
Administration:			
Salaries of District Officers	175.00	163.00	12.00
Sup'ts salary	375.00	385.00	-10.00
Per Capita Tax	258.00	258.00	
Salaries of Adm. Personnel	200.00	186.12	13.88
Supplies & Expenses	150.00	176.01	-26.01
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	11050.00	8223.76	2826.24
Books and other Instr. Aid	200.00	199.34	.66
Scholars Supplies	300.00	267.75	32.25
Supplies & Other Expenses	100.00	47.84	52.16
Operation of School Plant:			
Janitor Service	400.00	222.00	178.00
Fuel	400.00	390.75	9.25
Water, Light, Supplies, and Expenses	250.00	232.86	17.14
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and Replacements	300.00	396.17	-96.17
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health	410.00	385.54	24.46

Transportation	5000.00	4759.00	241.00
Tuition	9800.00	9470.63	329.37
Special Activities and Funds	50.00	11.36	38.64
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement & OASI	830.00	630.53	199.47
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses	115.00	105.92	9.08
Capital Outlay:			
Land and New Buildings		10.00	-10.00
New Equipment	50.00	8.07	41.93
Total Net Payments for all Purposes	30413.00	26529.65	3883.35
Cash on hand, end of Year, June 30, 1955		4337.34	
Grand Total	30413.00	30866.99	3883.35
Added Income over Appropriation	453.99		453.99
June 30, 1954	30866.99	30866.99	4337.34

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Columbia of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY F. LANG
MILTON E. ADAIR

June 30, 1955 Auditors

DETAILED EXPENDITURES

Salaries of District Officers:	
Harry F. Lang, Auditor	3.00
Harriette Lang, School Board	40.00
Thelma Covell, School Board	40.00
Milton Adair, School Board	40.00
Edwin Frizzell, Moderator	2.50
Annie Frizzell, Clerk	2.50
Beatrice C. White, Treasurer	35.00
	163.00
***Supt's Salary:**	
State Treasurer	385.00

*In accordance with the Laws of 1953, Chapter 243, Section 5, a breakdown of the total amount paid to the Supt. by the State and the respective school districts as follows:

	Salary	Travel	Cost
State of N. H.	3250.00		3250.00
School Districts:			
Colebrook	1339.50	470.00	1809.50
Columbia	285.00	100.00	385.00
Clarksville	171.00	60.00	231.00
Pittsburg	684.00	240.00	924.00
Stewartstown	370.50	130.00	500.50
Totals	6100.00	1000.00	7100.00

Per Capita Tax:	
State Treasuer	258.00
Salaries of other Adm. Personnel:	
Jessica Frizzell, office Work	33.65
Thelma G. Covell, census	20.00
Milton Adair, census	20.00
Marion E. Wells, office Work	102.47
Harry Lang, truant officer	10.00
	186.12
Supplies and Expenses:	
Edson C. Eastman, census cards, vouchers	22.50
N. H. School Board Asso., dues	10.00
Sentinel Pub. Co., letterheads	.85

Registry of Deeds, deed-union sch. bldg. and land	2.78
Remington Rand, folders	1.63
Columbia Town Treasurer, School reports	98.00
Ray A. Hicks, envelopes	10.74
Ernest B. Dana, office expenses	16.94
School-Crafters, Magic-Marker set	1.00
Pittsburg School District, phone for nurse	9.46
Colebrook School District, office expenses	2.11
	176.01
Teachers' Salaries:	
Florence Hughes	2156.70
Myra Holbrook	2087.80
Mary Gray	2107.60
Colebrook National Bank, withholding tax	651.20
N. H.-Vt. Hospitization Service	104.40
Richard Haapoaja, music	351.96
Teachers Retirement System, assess.	716.10
Ferne C. Fogg, substitute	38.00
Marion E. Wells, substitute	10.00
	8223.76
Books and Other Instructional Aids:	
Scott, Foresman & Co., books	45.80
American Book Co., books	48.10
Florence Hughes, books	1.50
Follett Publishing Co., books	20.40
Wilcox & Follett Co., books	13.20
Edward B. Hutchinson, cut-outs	5.50
Hall & McCreary, supplies, grade 1	8.84
University of N. H., films	6.00
Webster Publishing Co., books	50.00
	199.34
Scholars' Supplies:	
The L. W. Singer Co., wk-bks.	7.62
Row, Peterson & Co., wk-bks.	1.62
Houghton Mifflin Co., wk-bks., tests	11.18
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	53.99
Scott, Foresman & Co., wk-bks.	14.78
Milton Bradley Co., supplies	18.59
The Art Centre, tempera paints	15.72
Gledhill Bros., supplies	28.24

Allyn and Bacon, wk-bks.	9.40
American Book Co., wk-bks.	4.04
Scholastic Magazine, subscriptions	13.00
The Macmillan Co., wk-bks.	14.04
Wilcox & Follett Co., wk-bks.	4.98
American Education Press, magazines	27.00
Sentinel Pub. Co., newsprint	.44
Hughes Radio Shop, repairs	1.00
World Book Co., tests	8.81
The Ruwe Pencil Co., pencils	16.40
University of N. H. film rental and tests	9.00
State Planning & Development Commission, maps, booklets	7.90
	267.75

Supplies and Other Expenses:

Ferne C. Fogg, films rental	7.74
Field Enterprises, World Book	6.00
National Geographic Society, subscription	2.25
N. Y. World-Telegram & Sun, almanac	3.80
Sentinel Pub. Co., report cards	10.00
The Macmillan Co., almanac	.82
Fisherman Press, readers	6.16
Houghton Mifflin Co., nature notebook	2.07
University of N. H., film rental	9.00
	47.84

Janitor Service:

Thelma Covell	74.00
Freeman Hartwell	74.00
Everett Bryer	74.00
	222.00

Fuel:

Gordon Placy, kindling wood	29.75
Scott Pearson, bal. wood	10.00
Everett Bryer, labor on wood	2.50
Freeman Hartwell, labor on wood	1.50
Kenneth Smith, labor on wood	3.50
Milton Adair, wood	280.50
Charles H. White, trucking wood	22.50
Lynn Parkhurst & Sons, wood	36.00
Mary Gray, piling wood	2.50

Geralding Cass, piling wood	2.00
	390.75
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:	
Public Service Co., lights	49.40
N. H. Electric Coop, lights, two schools	121.41
Milton Bradley Co., sweeping comp.	3.00
American Chemical Co., sweeping comp.	2.00
E. F. Royal Co., chl. line	.75
The Peck Co., towels	45.10
C. J. Lewis, fly bombs	4.00
Procter & Gamble Co., soap granules	7.20
	232.86
Repairs and Replacements:	
Lynn Parkhurst & Sons, bds.	28.00
Milton Adair, labor	46.15
Fuller Bros., repairs	6.31
Chester Martin, painting	290.20
Aaron E. Stevens, paint and nails	6.98
P. A. Hicks & Sons, supplies	3.90
Treffle Hebert, pipe and labor	3.20
Farmers Feed & Supply Co., cement	2.60
Robert Wilson, window repairs	2.00
A. J. Wiswell, repairs	6.83
	396.17
Health	
Ethel S. Sturgis	337.02
Teachers Retirement System, assess.	33.00
Dickson's Pharmacy, supplies	7.31
Colebrook School District, cotton for clinic	.21
E. G. Staate, health ribbons	1.00
Dr. W. H. Gifford, pre-school clinic	7.00
	385.54
Transportation:	
Kilburn Covell	2478.00
Verne Reynolds	2281.00
	4759.00
Verne Reynolds, allowed for stove	20.00
	4779.00

Tuition:

	High	Elem.
The Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center Smith and Sweatt		113.00
Colebrook School District	6219.44	2888.19
Stratford School District	250.00	
	6469.44	3001.19

Special Activities and Special Funds:	
Ernest C. Robes, playground equip.	3.80
Hughes Radio Shop, square dance album	1.50
The Lynch Co., softballs	6.06
	11.36
Retirement and OASI:	
Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI	17.00
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare, OASI Fund, Adm. costs	7.90
Employees Retirement System, Clerk and Supt.	22.81
Teachers Retirement System, Teachers and Nurse	582.82
	630.53
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses:	
Elsie M. Annis, treas. bond	10.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, insurance	95.92
	105.92
Land and New Buildings:	
William Adair, fixing swings-Cone	10.00
New Equipment:	
P. A. Hicks & Sons, ax	2.75
A. H. Rice Co., lamps	5.32
	8.07

BUDGET 1956-57
(Compared with the Budget of 1956 and Expenditures of 1954-55

	Amount Spent 1954-55	Budget For 1955-56	Proprosed Budget 1956-57
*Salaries of District Officers	163.00	175.00	175.00

*Supt's Salary	385.00	383.00	360.00
*Per Capita Tax	258.00	220.00	242.00
Salaries of Adm. Personnel	186.12	212.00	194.00
Supplies & Expenses	176.01	150.00	170.00
Teacherr Salaries	8223.76	8600.00	8950.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	199.34	200.00	200.00
Scholars' Supplies	267.75	300.00	350.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	47.84	75.00	75.00
Janitor Service	222.00	400.00	575.00
Fuel	390.75	300.00	300.00
Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses	232.86	200.00	220.00
Repairs and Replacements	396.17	200.00	200.00
Health	385.54	380.00	350.00
Transportation	4759.00	4860.00	4860.00
Tuition, High	6469.44	8250.00	7750.00
Tuition, Elem.	3001.19	3450.00	3650.00
Special Activities and Funds	11.36	50.00	50.00
*Retirement & OASI	630.53	650.00	670.00
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses	105.92	60.00	80.00
Lands and New Buildings	10.00		
New Equipment	8.07	50.00	50.00
Totals	26529.65	29165.00	29471.00

*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries of the district officers are determined by the district. A relationship which takes into consideration school membership and assessed valuation determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for the personned employed by the supervisory union. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the per capita tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount for Teachers' Retirement.

ESTIMATED INCOME—1956-57

State Aid	9000.00
Balance	1000.00
Total Income	10000.00
School Board's Budget	29471.00
Requested Appropriation	19471.00

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE 1954-55

Teacher	Grade	No. Pupils	No. Boys	Aver. Attendance	Aver. Membership	Percent of Attendance	No. Tardiness Per Pup'l
Florence B. Hughes, Church							
	1-4	23	7	19.96	20.90	95.46	.15
Myra A. Holebrook, Grand Division							
	5-8	22	11	21.18	22.92	92.40	.09
Mary E. Gray, Cone							
	1-4	19	15	19.72	20.71	95.22	.15
		64	33	60.86	64.53	94.30	.13

TEACHERS CONTRACTED SALARIES 1955-56

Florence B. Hughes	2700.00
Myra A. Holbrook	2700.00
Mary E. Gray	2700.00
Richard C. Haapoaja	368.40

NURSE AND SALARY

Ethel S. Sturgis	351.00

JANITORS AND SALARIES

	Per week
Thelma G. Covell, Church	$3.00
Freeman W. Hartwell, Grand Division	3.00
Frederick Sweatt, Cone	3.00

TRANSPORTATION

	Rate Per Day	No. Carried	Mi. Per Day
Kilburn G. Covell	14.00	36	42
Verne M. Reynolds	13.00	55	62

ENROLLMENT

Church - Grades 1-4, 19; Grand Division - Grades 5-8 16; Cone - Grades 1-4, 14; Total 49.

TUITION PUPILS AND RATE

Colebrook Academy	29	$250.00
Colebrook Elementary	23	150.00
Stratford High School	1	250.00
Crotched Mt. Rehabiltation Center	2	1.00 per day

Births Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1955

Date of Birth	Name of Child If Any	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Feb. 2 1905	Alice Victoria Annis	Alba Herbert Annis	Almeda Pheobe Bresse	Columbia
Oct. 20 1903	Mary Bridget Annis	Alba Herbert Annis	Almeda Pheobe Bresse	Columbia
Jan. 4 1955	Joseph Bressette	Alexis P Bressette	Jeannette P Charest	West Stewartstown
Jan 4 1955	Donald A. Benoit	Leon G Benoit	Annette M Cote	West Stewartstown
Nov. 18 1955	Darlene Faye Bennett	Aaron W Bennett	Dolena G Reynolds	West Stewartstown
Aug. 26 1955	Hazel J Ellingwood	Leland C Ellingwood	Mary Ellen Reynolds	West Stewartstown
Dec. 5 1954	Melinda J Flanders	Clayton E Flanders	Thelma T Phillips	West Stewartstown
July 1 1955	Elwin H Gould	Elwin H Gould	Betsey J Nunsin	West Stewartstown
Jan. 22 1955	Freeman C Hanks	Lee W Hanks	Gloria M Flanders	West Stewartstown
Feb. 2 1955	David L McKeage	Lyman R McKeage	Blanche C Reynolds	West Stewartstown
Nov. 23 1955	Ronald C Parker	Leonard W Parker	Arlene B Parrish	West Stewartstown
July 25 1947	Vern M Reynolds Jr	Vern M Reynolds	Margaret M Stanton	West Stewartstown
June 18 1955	Jacquelyn M Stevens	John J Stevens	Theresa M Bouthellier	West Stewartstown
Sept 2 1954	Baby Smith	Gordon H Smith	Elmyra R O'Brien	Columbia

Marriages Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1955

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Name of Parents
April 13 1955	Colebrook	George Otis Delong	25	George O Delong Glenora M Delrille
		Doris May Thacher	20	Worthly Amos O'Dell Wilma A Whiting
Feb. 27 1955	Colebrook	Frederick Peter Stewart	22	Frederick P Stewart Lucy Jane Parkhurst
		Jacquelyn Faye Brigham	20	Cecil M Brigham Arlene L McAllaster

Deaths Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1955

Date of Death	Name and Surname Of The Deceased	Yrs.	Mos	Days	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
July 20 1955	Lewella Alberta Corliss	88	5	21	John Adair	Elizabeth Wilson
April 14 1955	Matt Melovich	69	6	20	Joseph Melovich	Mary Normora
March 13 1955	Alma Eastman Martin	95			Henry Eastman	Mary Jane Spencer
July 14 1955	Truman George Pilbro	72	1	5	George Damon Pilbro	Adeline Emery

NOTES ON TOWN MEETING